

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of December 12, 2006 was received and reviewed. The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowance of claims 21-26.

Claims 8-11, 14 and 17-26 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 8-11, 14 and 17-20 have been canceled. Consequently, claims 21-26 are currently pending in the instant application.

Claims 8-11, 14 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that claim 8 contains the limitation "short distance wiring connected to the gate electrode and formed over the first insulation film" that is not supported in the originally filed disclosure. Further, claims 8-11, 14 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, the Examiner is unclear how the short distance wiring is connected to the gate electrode and formed over the first insulating film. Finally, claims 9-11, 14 and 17-20 stand rejected for being dependent upon the rejected base claim 8.

In response to the rejections, and in order to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicants have cancelled all the rejected claims, as shown above, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter in the cancelled claim, if necessary.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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